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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE IRANIAN AID TO SOMALIA

REF: (A) TEHRAN 5822

(B) TEHRAN 5960 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REPORTED GOVERNMENT OF IRAN INTEREST IN US VIEWS TOWARDS
SOMALI REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE IN ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FIELDS.

REF B REPORTED GOI REQUEST FOR US APPROVAL OF TRANSFER TO
SOMALIA OF LIMITED AMOUNT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT WHICH GOI
HAD OBTAINED FROM US SOURCES.

2. IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER REQUEST FOR TRANSFER
AUTHORIZATION REPRESENTS FIRM IRANIAN DECISION TO ACCEDE TO
SOMALI REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT OR WHETHER IT AMOUNTS TO

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CONTINGENCY PREPARATIONS BY IRANIAN MILITARY IN EVENT
FORMAL DECISION IS TAKEN TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED

3. IN ANY EVENT, ONE RESULT OF REQUEST REPORTED REF B
IS TO ENHANCE URGENCY OF EMBASSY REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE
CONTAINED REF A. IF US POLICY TOWARDS THESE ARMS TRANSFERS
IS GOING TO BE NEGATIVE, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT
GOI BE INFORMED OF THIS FACT BEFORE IT BECOMES EMBARRASSINGLY

COMMITTED. GOI WILL CERTAINLY FEEL THAT IT HAS GIVEN
US EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE ITS FINAL DECISION ON THESE
MATTERS AND TO STEER IT AWAY FROM POSITIVE COMMITMENT IF
THAT IS OUR CONSIDERED VIEW. IT WILL, WITH CONSIDERABLE
JUSTIFICATION, RESENT A BELATED NEGATIVE COUNSEL IF WE HAVE
FAILED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO THEIR TIMELY REQUESTS FOR GUIDANCE.

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